

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

City Council of the Town of Colma
Colma Community Center, 1520 Hillside Blvd
Colma, CA 94014

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joanne F. del Rosario called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present – Mayor Joanne F. del Rosario, Vice Mayor Joseph Silva, and Council Members Diana Colvin, Helen Fisicaro and Rae Gonzalez were present.

Staff Present – City Manager Laura Allen, City Attorney Roger Peters, Police Chief Robert Lotti, City Planner Andrea Ouse, City Engineer Rick Mao, Recreation Services Director Brian Dossey and Administrative Technician Kris Krow.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Action: Council Member Fisicaro moved to adopt the agenda; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Silva and carried by the following vote:

| Name | Voting | | Present, Not Voting | | Absent |
|------------------------------|--------|----|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | Aye | No | Abstain | Not Participating | |
| Joanne F. del Rosario, Mayor | ✓ | | | | |
| Joseph Silva | ✓ | | | | |
| Diana Colvin | ✓ | | | | |
| Helen Fisicaro | ✓ | | | | |
| Raquel "Rae" Gonzalez | ✓ | | | | |
| Voting Tally | 5 | 0 | | | |

PUBLIC HEARING

1) SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

City Attorney Roger Peters presented the staff report. Mayor del Rosario opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. and seeing no one, closed the public hearing. Council discussion followed.

Action: Council Member Fisicaro moved to Approve Reading of Ordinance by Title Only, and Introducing an Ordinance Amending Section 3.04.160 of the Colma Municipal Code, Setting Sewer Service Fees at the Same Rate as Last Year, the motion was seconded by Council Member Colvin and carried by the following vote:

| Name | Voting | | Present, Not Voting | | Absent |
|------------------------------|--------|----|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | Aye | No | Abstain | Not Participating | |
| Joanne F. del Rosario, Mayor | ✓ | | | | |
| Joseph Silva | ✓ | | | | |
| Diana Colvin | ✓ | | | | |
| Helen Fisicaro | ✓ | | | | |
| Raquel "Rae" Gonzalez | ✓ | | | | |
| Voting Tally | 5 | 0 | | | |

STUDY SESSION

2) COLMA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

City Manager Laura Allen introduced Chief Geoff Balton of the Colma Fire Protection District. Chief Balton had a power point handout which is attached to these minutes.

Following are highlights of Fire Chief Geoff Balton's presentation to the City Council:

The Chief stated that Colma Fire is a vital part of the community. In a recent LAFCO service review one of the biggest issues that came up was sustainability and how the District was going to continue to fund the organization in declining times.

The Fire Chief lives in Colma as do 7 other employees. The majority of employees live in Daly City and Broadmoor.

The Fire District responded to 746 calls last year with an average response time of 6:59 90% of the time. Approximately 76% of the calls are for medical services, although the Chief stated almost all of the calls have a medical component. He also indicated the Fire District sends more personnel to events than other fire agencies because they have the opportunity to do so.

The Fire District plans to perform a safety inspection of every business and apartment building each year. The Chief indicated they don't always do that but every business can expect an annual visit. He also stated the District performs regular visual inspections as employees drive around Town.

The Fire Chief stated the District has their books audited annually as required by the state. Funding for their activities comes evenly from a special tax and property taxes at approximately \$500,000 each for a total of \$1 million. The Chief indicated the reassessment of property taxes will reduce their property tax receipts. He also mentioned the District recently received grants totaling \$210,200.

This item was designated as "Discussion only" - no action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor del Rosario adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Allen
City Manager / City Clerk